

The Director

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Recorder, Project Review Committee

NIS Program Projects

1. While the attached Petroleum Intelligence Project is recommended for approval by the PRC, it raises the question of overall financial support of the NIS Program. PRC has considered repeated proposals for additional money due to changes in plans, unforeseen requirements, or underestimates of expense. This is perhaps inevitable in a joint effort of this sort, but perhaps a more efficient control can be provided by central planning for budgetary purposes.

2. The consensus of your Committee is that the NIS budgetary problem be surveyed for determination whether it should be centrally controlled in CIA or otherwise.

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